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1. claims: 1-3

To reduce exhaust gas sesnor inaccuracies caused by sensor contamination.

2. claims: 4-10

To improve exhaust gas sensor characteristics at engine start.

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